
A Study of Renormalization Group Effects on the Mass of the Lightest Neutrino

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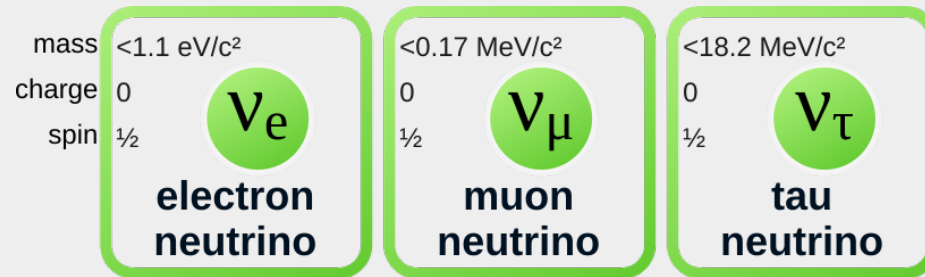
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Introduction: Massive Neutrino Limits

- Observation of Neutrino Flavor Oscillations (1998)
 - Implied Neutrinos have a **non-zero** mass
- Currently, well established in experiments

Introduction: Massive Neutrino Limits

- KATRIN Experiment results (Nov. 2019)
 - Tritium Decay Experiment
 - Upper limit of lightest Neutrino absolute mass
- Limit of 1.1 eV (90% confidence level)
 - **No lower limit**



lightest mass of 0 is allowed

Introduction

- Fermion masses in Standard Model are arbitrary
 - Must be determined experimentally
- However, neutrino masses are tiny compared to all others
 - A goal of theory is to understand why
- **To understand the Standard Model must be extended**


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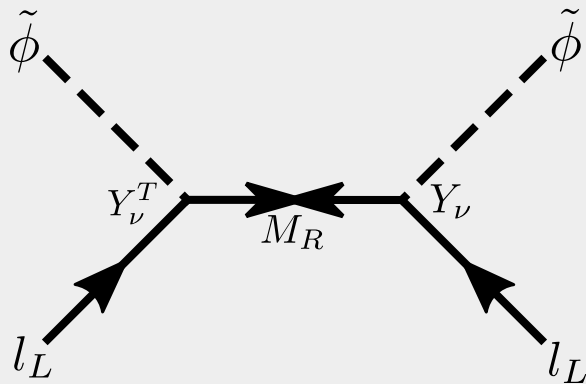
what is kappa?

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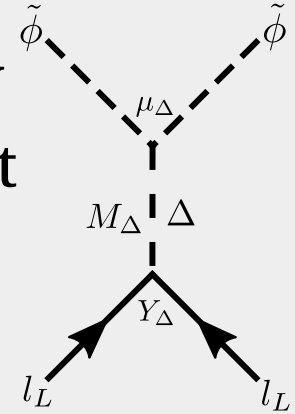
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- Type-I Seesaw
 - Right-Handed Singlets

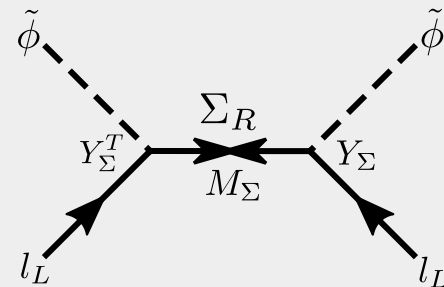
$$m_\nu = -Y_\nu^T \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{M_R} \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} Y_\nu$$



- Type-II Seesaw
 - Scalar Triplet



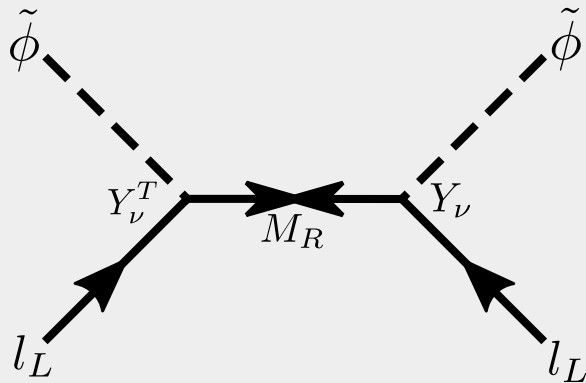
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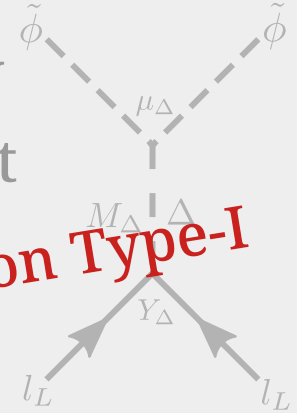
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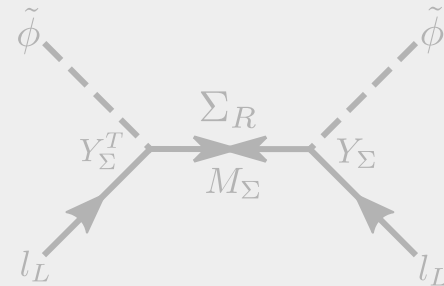


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we focus only on Type-I



- Type-III Seesaw
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Introduction

3 Possible Type-I Seesaws

- (3,3) Model

- 3 Heavy Right-handed singlets

$$M_3, M_2, M_1$$

- (3,2) Model

- 2 heavy right-handed singlets
- “Missing partner”

$$M_2, M_1$$

- (3,1) Model

- 1 heavy right-handed singlet
- “Minimal Type-I Seesaw”

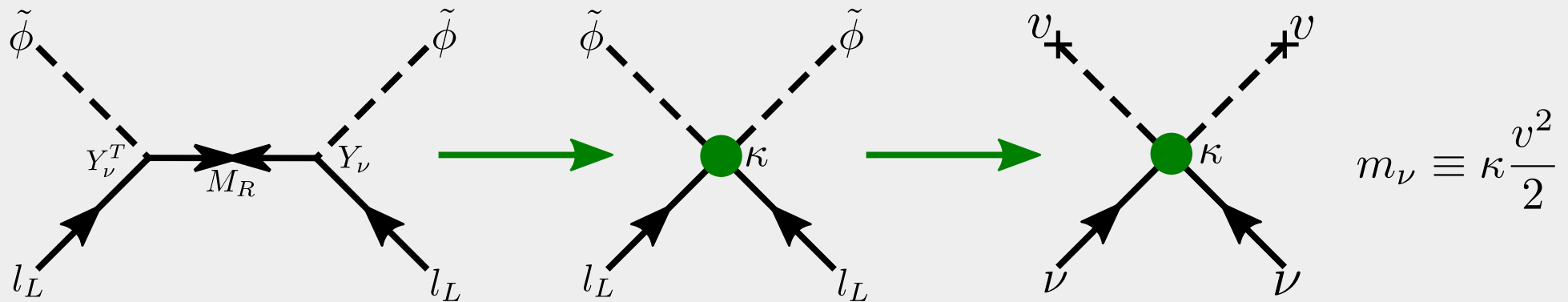
$$M_1$$

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Renormalization Group Flow

- Higher energies can effect lower energy physics
 - Method pioneered by Wilson (late 1900's)
- Energies higher than a cut-off are integrated out
 - Effects of the integration are carried into the lower energy region



Renormalization Group Flow

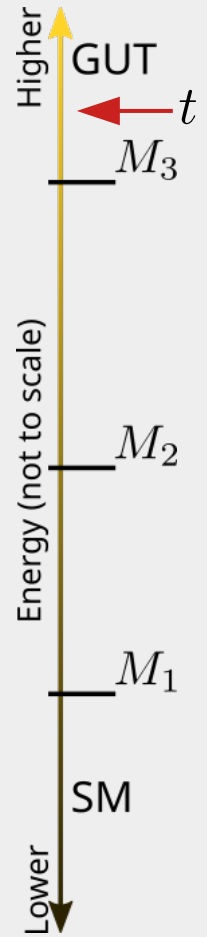
- Our application is to see if a Type-I seesaw places a lower limit on the lightest neutrino mass
 - Focus on (3,3) model and (3,2) model
 - One-loop renormalization is considered

Detailed information on how the equations are determined for different models:

Stefan Antusch et al JHEP03(2005)024

<https://doi.org/10.1088/1126-6708/2005/03/024>

RGE (3,3) Seesaw Model



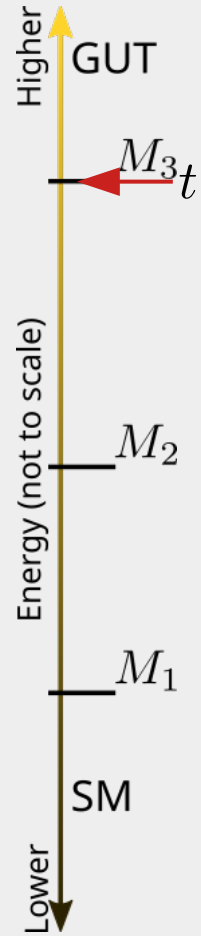
- First we calculate the effect in a (3,3) model
 - We constrain our model with texture analysis to a **Rank 2 Dirac mass matrix**
 - Or we can say the determinant of the Dirac mass matrix is zero

$$m_D^0 = \begin{pmatrix} m_{D1}^0 & m_{D2}^0 & m_{D3}^0 \end{pmatrix} \quad m_{D3}^0 = am_{D1}^0 + bm_{D2}^0$$

- We start with Beta function equations

$$16\pi^2 \beta_\kappa \quad 16\pi^2 \beta_{m_{eff}} \quad 16\pi^2 \beta_y$$

RGE (3,3) Seesaw Model



- To determine the modified neutrino mass term we must match the scales
 - This is done by considering at the energy equal to M_3

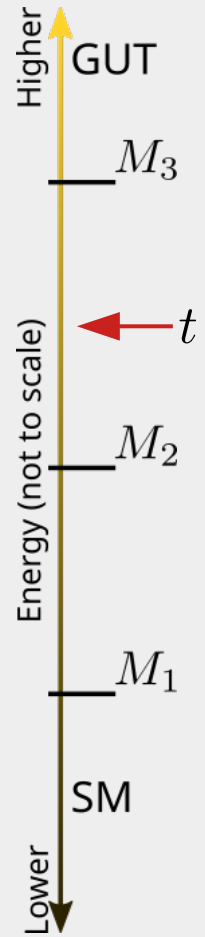
$$m_T(0_+) = m_T(0_-) = \kappa^{(3)}(0) + m_{eff}^{(3)}(0)$$

Where,

$$\kappa^{(3)}(0) = -m_{D3}^0 \frac{1}{M_3} m_{D3}^{0T}$$

$$m_{eff}^{(3)}(0) = -m_D^{(3)}(0) \frac{1}{M^{(3)}(0)} m_D^{(3)T}(0)$$

RGE (3,3) Seesaw Model



- Next we integrate out the heaviest mass term
 - Effectively lowering the energy region

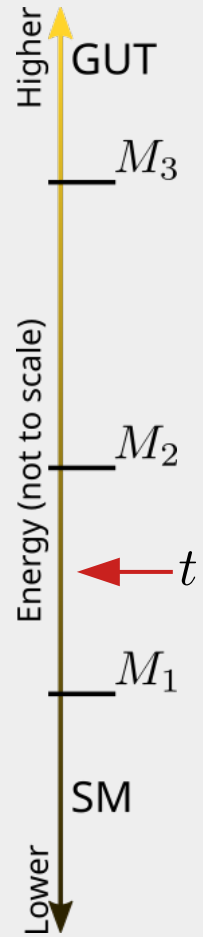
$$16\pi^2 \frac{d\kappa^{(3)}(t)}{dt} = (P^{(3)}(t))^T \kappa^{(3)}(t) + \kappa^{(3)}(t) P^{(3)}(t) + \alpha_{\kappa}^{(3)}(t) \kappa^{(3)}(t)$$

$$16\pi^2 \frac{dm_{eff}^{(3)}(t)}{dt} = (P^{(3)}(t))^T m_{eff}^{(3)}(t) + m_{eff}^{(3)}(t) P^{(3)}(t) + \alpha_{eff}^{(3)}(t) m_{eff}^{(3)}(t)$$

- Which results in the modified neutrino mass term

$$m_T(t_2) = \kappa^{(3)}(t_2) + m_{eff}^{(3)}(t_2)$$

RGE (3,3) Seesaw Model



- Then we integrate out the next mass term with
 - Similar method as before

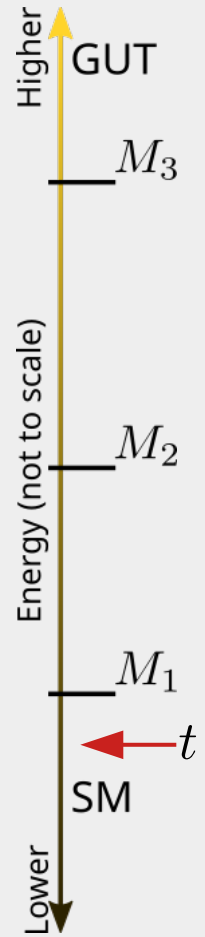
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- Which results results in a lower scale mass

$$m_T(t_1) = \kappa^{(2)}(t_1) + m_{eff}^{(2)}(t_1)$$

RGE (3,3) Seesaw Model



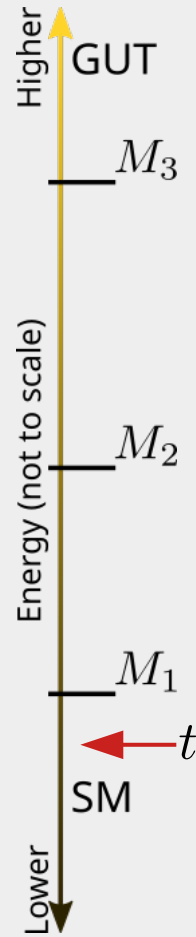
- Last we integrate out the lightest mass term
 - Back to SM level energies

$$16\pi^2 \frac{d\kappa^{(1)}(t)}{dt} = (P^{(1)}(t))^T \kappa^{(1)}(t) + \kappa^{(1)}(t) P^{(1)}(t) + \alpha_{\kappa}^{(1)}(t) \kappa^{(1)}(t)$$

- Which results in the neutrino mass matrix

$$m_T(t_z) = \kappa^{(1)}(t_z)$$

RGE (3,3) Seesaw Model



- Now we can investigate the low energy mass matrix
 - Asking the question: Is a zero mass still allowed?

$$\kappa^{(1)}(t_1) = k^{(3)}(t_1 - t_2) + m_{eff}^{(3)}(t_1 - t_2) + m_{eff}^{(2)}(t_1 - t_2) - m_{eff}^{(1)}(t_1)$$

- If a texture is required for the heavy mass matrix
 - This results in a low energy matrix of,

$$\det \kappa^{(1)}(t_1) \neq 0$$

All low energy neutrinos are massive

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RGE (3,2) Seesaw Model

Higher

GUT

- Similar to before we start at the highest energy scale
- We then integrate out the heaviest neutrino
 - Again we use Beta equations

$$16\pi^2 \frac{\kappa^{(2)}(t)}{dt} = (P^{(2)}(t))^T \kappa^{(2)}(t) + \kappa^{(2)}(t) P^{(2)}(t) + \alpha_{\kappa}^{(2)}(t) \kappa^{(2)}(t)$$

$$16\pi^2 \frac{m_{eff}^{(2)}(t)}{dt} = (P^{(2)}(t))^T m_{eff}^{(2)}(t) + m_{eff}^{(2)}(t) P^{(2)}(t) + \alpha_{eff}^{(2)}(t) m_{eff}^{(2)}(t)$$

Energy (not to scale)

M_2

M_1

Lower

SM

- This results in a neutrino mass matrix

$$m_T(t_1) = \kappa^{(2)}(t_1) + m_{eff}^{(2)}(t_1)$$

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RGE (3,2) Seesaw Model

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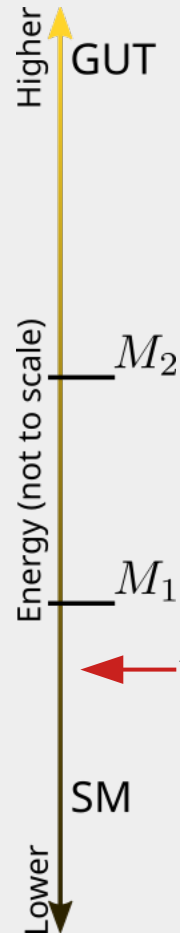
- Lastly, we integrate out the last heavy neutrino
 - Resulting mass equation is

$$m_T(t_1) = \kappa^{(1)}(t_1) = m_{eff}^{(2)}(t_1) + \kappa^{(2)}(t_1)$$

- Now we can investigate the low energy mass matrix
 - Here we have the following complete equation,

$$k^{(1)}(t_1) = -\frac{1}{R^{(2)} M_1} r(t_1) m_{D1}^0 m_{D1}^{0T} r^T(t_1) - \frac{e^{\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \int_0^{t_1} ds \alpha_\kappa^{(2)}(s)}}{M_2} U^{(2)}(t_1) m_{D2}^0 m_{D2}^{0T} U^{T(2)}(t_1)$$

RGE (3,2) Seesaw Model



- To determine the rank of Kappa we note that

$$r(t_1)m_{D1}^0 = (m_{D1}^0 \quad m_{D2}^0 \quad m_D^{ext}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} \\ \alpha_{21} \\ \alpha_{31} \end{pmatrix} \quad U^{(2)}(t_1)m_{D2}^0 = (m_{D1}^0 \quad m_{D2}^0 \quad m_D^{ext}) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{12} \\ \alpha_{22} \\ \alpha_{32} \end{pmatrix}$$

- This results in the following

$$k^{(3)}(t_1) = -\frac{1}{M_1(t_1)}m_D^{(3)} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11}^2 & \alpha_{11}\alpha_{21} & \alpha_{11}\alpha_{31} \\ \alpha_{11}\alpha_{21} & \alpha_{21}^2 & \alpha_{21}\alpha_{31} \\ \alpha_{11}\alpha_{31} & \alpha_{21}\alpha_{31} & \alpha_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix} m_D^{T(3)} - \frac{1}{M_2(t_1)}m_D^{(3)} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{12}^2 & \alpha_{12}\alpha_{22} & \alpha_{12}\alpha_{32} \\ \alpha_{12}\alpha_{22} & \alpha_{22}^2 & \alpha_{22}\alpha_{32} \\ \alpha_{12}\alpha_{32} & \alpha_{22}\alpha_{32} & \alpha_{32}^2 \end{pmatrix} m_D^{T(3)}$$

lowest neutrino maintains masslessness

$$\det \kappa^{(3)}(t_1) = 0$$

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- We have calculated two the 1-loop effects on the lower mass neutrinos
 - Specifically we considered the case of a Dirac mass matrix with rank 2
 - We also only considered the Type-I seesaw
- Our results show
 - (3,3) with an initial Dirac mass matrix of rank 2 can be increased in rank due to renormalization effects
 - (3,2) the Dirac mass matrix does not change rank after the renormalization effects

Thank you!
Questions?